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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a Response to a Restriction Requirement be extended for a period of five (5) month(s) from April 11, 2003 to and including September 11, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$1970.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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